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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Updates

Phase 1

- All Five Aviation Projects Under Construction
- Phase 1 Transit Projects Pending Grant Approval
- All Phase 1 Highway Projects Certified by Governor
- GDOT Exceeded the 50% Obligation of Funds for Phase 1 by the Deadline of June 30th
- To Date – 75 Highway/Aviation Projects given Notices to Proceed (NTP) Valued at Over \$144 Million in Contracts
- All MPO's Sub-Allocated Highway Projects are Certified (except Augusta)
- GDOT ARRA Reporting to USDOT Well Underway

Phase 2

- Approximately \$100 Million in ARRA highway funds from Phase 1 Rolled Over into Phase 2 Due to Low Contract Bids and Moving Contingencies to Another Fund Source
- Board Approved Highway Projects Total \$492 Million in Phase 2
- Phase 2 Highway Projects must be let by December 2009
- 62% of Funding in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA)
- GDOT will Maximize Number of Individual Contracts
- Statewide Transit Providers ARRA Meeting August 21st
- Transit Call For Projects – September 25th
- Review and Select Transit Projects – October 2009

See the list of all of the State Transportation Board approved projects for Phase 2 funding in Congressional District 9 at the end of this newsletter.

BOARD ACTIVITY AUGUST 19-20 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The State Transportation Board held its regularly scheduled meetings on August 19th & 20th. A total of 28 project lettings were approved for September totaling over \$155 million. During FY09, the Board approved lettings for 280 contracts valued at over \$533 million for projects across the 13 Congressional Districts. In addition to the full Board meeting on August 20th, four committees met in advance: Public Private Partnerships (P3); Legislative; Administrative; and Finance. Below are highlights of these meetings.



Board Members discuss financial issues during the August 20th meeting.

Public Private Partnerships (P3) - Assistant Treasurer Earl Mahfuz provided an overview of the recent progress made on Public Private Partnerships – or what is now called P3. In the past couple of months, the Department has established a steering committee for determining project parameters, has compiled a draft list of potential P3 projects for Georgia as now required by law, had an internal workshop with RBC and Nossaman. Additionally, Mahfuz confirmed that despite the economic downturn, there are still firms interested in investing in P3 projects. He also stated that the Department intends to hold an industry-wide forum for potential investors later this fiscal year.

Legislative - Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., addressed the Committee, stating his commitment to a successful Legislative Session by preparing in advance. Commissioner Smith recommended presenting facts, meeting with the members of the Appropriations and Transportation Committees, and stressing funding requirements.

Commissioner Smith stated that the Department must carry the torch for funding in Georgia. Key emphasis should be placed on making sure transportation options meet the needs of citizens and businesses. He also recommended that we strengthen our existing relationships with Georgia's Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC.

Administrative - Chief Operating Officer Steve Henry presented a proposal on changing the Department's existing LOGO program. The current program contract expires on June 30, 2010. Each year, the Department receives \$3.25 million in revenue from the contract. Staff is recommending the Board consider a new fee structure and the addition of both pharmacies and RV friendly categories of signage. Several Board members requested additional information on the history and projections for the program. Additionally, it was questioned if the current vendor would consider renewing the existing contract for a 1-yr term. The Committee took no action.

Finance - Treasurer Kate Pfirmman advised the committee that \$30 million in de-authorizations had been realized, bringing the total to approximately \$190 million since the project implementation.

Kate Pfirmman reviewed the status of FY09. These figures are unaudited, but the Department ended the year with a balanced budget. There is an estimated surplus of \$577 million, but it is important to note that this figure includes Federal funds which could not be used without creating a larger motor fuel deficit. The Department also complied with Governor Perdue's mandate that each agency lapse funds back to the State Treasury - for GDOT, the amount was \$1 million, reducing our intermodal and data collections activities since it is regular state funds.

For FY 2010, the budget is being compiled based on the worst case scenario of the Governor's potential mandated cuts of 4%, 6% or 8%. Preparing for a required reduction of an additional 8% of State General Funds directly impacts the aviation, transit and data collections programs, and brings the total amended budget request is \$2.184 billion. The official request must be presented to OPB by September 30, 2009. The Committee will make a final review of the FY10 amended budget request in the September meetings.

TIGER Grant Criteria Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery—\$1.5 Billion Nationally

- All applications are due to USDOT via email by September 15th
- Grants may be no less than \$20M and not greater than \$300M
- No more than \$300M will be awarded to any single state
- Funds can be used to cover 100% of project
- Priority given to grants that fill a financial gap
- Priority given to projects to be completed by February 17, 2012

GDOT APPLICATIONS FOR FIVE PROJECTS ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

I-20 Eastside Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes in DeKalb County

I-75 South Managed Lanes in Henry County

Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension at the Savannah Port

Truman Parkway Phase V in Chatham County

Commuter Rail—Atlanta to Macon

September Lettings in CD 9

PROPOSED STEEL BEAM REPAIR @ LOCS - STATEWIDE *Bridge Rehabilitation with No Added Capacity*

Todd I. Long, P.E., P.T.O.E. Confirmed by House Transportation Committee as Director of Planning

On Wednesday, August 19th, the membership of the House Transportation Committee unanimously confirmed Governor Perdue's appointment of Todd Long as the new Director of Planning at GDOT. In his capacity, Long will be responsible for a variety of planning and reporting requirements.

Members of the House Transportation Committee question Long at the hearing.



SPECIAL NOTE

A special **GDOT Budget** newsletter will be released late next week.

Topics covered will include a review of Fiscal Year 2009, the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, an analysis of how the Department balanced the FY2009 books as of June 30, 2009, and transportation funding needs for Georgia.

BOARD APPROVED PHASE 2 ARRA PROJECTS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9

Cong Dist	County	Description	Work Type	Construction Total within Cong Dist	Economically Distressed Area
9	Hall	West Ridge Road Athens Street to Gainesville City Limits	Resurfacing	\$54,467	EDA
9	Hall	West Ridge Road Athens Highway to Queen City Parkway	Resurfacing	\$242,352	EDA
9	Hall	Wade Orr Road from Atlanta Highway to Hog Mountain Road	Resurfacing	\$144,273	EDA
9	Hall	Memorial Park Drive from Browns Bridge Road to Atlanta Highway	Resurfacing	\$351,773	EDA
9	Lumpkin	Damascus Church Road from US 19 to White County Line	Resurfacing	\$396,292	EDA
9	Union	Old Blue Ridge Hwy. from little Youngcane Creek Bridge to Youngcane Creek Rd.	Resurfacing	\$362,551	EDA
9	White	CR 68/ Hulsey Rd. from Hwy. 75N to Hwy. 11/129N	Resurfacing	\$127,028	EDA



Special Board Committee Workshop August 25th—Atlanta
Next Board Meeting September 17th —Atlanta